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EXPANSION DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of agricultural education in the country needs comprehensive expansion and development;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions received by the Government so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any prospective plan for implementation on the basis of the above said suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Committee in its report entitled `Bridge to a Century of Hope on the Farm Front (1997)` made broad spectrum of recommendations ranging from Panchyati Raj Institutions and Krishi Vigyan Kendras to Postgraduate Centre of Excellence in order to enhance national relevance & global competitiveness to agriculture education system.

Sub-Committees constituted to implement above recommendations have suggested

- Agricultural education in the country be brought under the umbrella of ICAR.
- Personnel policies be made conducive to induct & retain talent.
- Vocationalization of educational. programmes & out-reach courses through State Agricultural Universities.

(c) & (d): ICAR has already prepared Vision 2020 and on the basis of it Education Division is working for development, formulation and institutionalisation of Agricultural Education Plan.